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Jordan prepares Arab plan

AMMAN, March 30 (JNA). — Prime Minister Mudar Badran said today Jordan is preparing a working programme for the proposed Arab summit meeting, to lay the ground for a united Arab stand in the face of current Middle East developments. Commenting on the outcome of the recent Arab foreign ministers conference in Cairo, he said the decision to form a special committee for solidarity and to try and solve Arab differences was a positive response to King Hussein's call to convene a summit. The premier had earlier met with Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim, who led Jordan's delegation to the Cairo conference. Mr. Ibrahim briefed Mr. Badran on the outcome of the conference and his own meetings with Arab ministers in Cairo.

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5 West Bankers arrested

MALTAH, occupied West Bank, March 30 (R). — A Palestinian call for a general strike in the Israeli-occupied West Bank drew scattered response today -- the 10th anniversary of demonstrations in which six Israeli Arabs were killed. Some buses were stoned by demonstrators and shops in a number of towns closed after a student organization distributed leaflets calling for the strike. But the shops later reopened and most of the Israeli Arab employees in Israel reported for work as usual. Israeli occupation forces detained five students charged with preparing and distributing the strike leaflets.

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A fragile peace starts taking hold in south Lebanon

TT, March 30 (R). — A peace returned to south Lebanon today as U.N. peacekeeping troops took up new positions between Palestinian and Israeli occupation

the first time since Israel's massive invasion of 1978, and for the first time in two weeks there were no reports of fighting. Only tense incidents came about 50 French paratroopers moved towards a bridge on the port city of Tyre, following a meeting with Israeli army officials last night. He said Israeli troops were still manning roadblocks in the area and conducting rigorous searches of civilian refugees returning to their villages in the Israeli-occupied zone. Informed sources said members of Fatah, the biggest guerrilla group, were generally cooperating with the U.N. troops, in accordance with assurances given this week by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. The sources said other guerrillas belonging to more "radical" groups were refusing to accept any restrictions on their movements. Just over one quarter of the projected 4,000-man peace-keeping force has so far arrived in the south to oversee an Israeli withdrawal under the terms of a U.N. Security Council resolution. Palestinian guerrillas today reported they were continuing rear-guard strikes against Israeli forces but said the ceasefire was taking firm hold in south Lebanon. "We stopped shooting from fixed positions," a Palestinian official said 48 hours after ELO leader Yasser Arafat ordered his estimated 10,000 fighters to observe the nine-day-old stand-down proclaimed by Israel. "But rear-guard action and hit-and-run raids behind enemy lines in the occupied south are not covered by the ceasefire order," the official said.

Labani heads new Syrian government

government

SCUS, March 30 (R). — Syrian government headed by Mr. Mohammad Ali Labani was formed today. The 35 ministers were also members of the outgoing President Hafez Assad's cabinet. He resigned following the death of his son, a 19-year-old, in a car crash. Labani was previously head of the People's Council.

Three deputy premiers in outgoing cabinet retained posts. They were Mr. Haim Khaddam, who is Minister of Foreign Affairs; Jamil Shayya, Deputy Minister for Economic Affairs; and Mr. Fahmi Youssef, Minister for Social Affairs. Ministers who retained their posts included Maj-Gen. Afia Tias (Defence), Mr. Iskander (Information), Adnan Dabbagh (Interior), Dr. Mohammad Ali Al-Jumayyil (Economy and Foreign Trade). The newcomers were Zuhair Masharqa, member of the regional leadership of ruling Baath Party. He is Minister of Education and Dr. Shaker Al-Fayez, who became Minister of Education. Another newcomer was Dr. Yassin, President of La. University, who took over the Ministry of Transport. Sarwan Kudeil, a Minister of Culture official was appointed Minister of State.

King Hussein briefs American businessmen

AMMAN, March 30 (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein this afternoon received the American businessmen's delegation now on a tour of the region organised by the American magazine Time. His Majesty the King stressed Jordan's firm stance vis-a-vis peace in this area of the world. "We are trying to achieve a just and lasting peace in the region based on total Israeli withdrawal from the Arab lands occupied in 1967, and on securing the legitimate national rights of the Palestinian people, including that of free self-determination," King Hussein said. He told the Americans that the road to peace is by implementing Resolution 242 and through the Geneva conference, but he thought that President Sadat's initiative had exposed Israel as not wanting a peaceful settlement. The King said that the view of some American leaders that a strong Israel would be a moderate Israel has been proved a fallacy, and he said that Jordan is working to forge Arab strength and unity to confront Israel to have it revert to its former and natural size. King Hussein said that Jordan trusts the determination of President Carter as he understands the Middle East situation quite well.

Carter denies U.S. suggested Begin be replaced as premier

BRASILIA, March 30 (R). — President Carter said today the Israeli government headed by Prime Minister Menachem Begin is completely capable of making hard decisions necessary to progress towards peace in the Middle East.

Mr. Carter denied reports that his administration was trying to topple Mr. Begin because of the Israeli leader's refusal to accept American suggestions for a settlement. "These reports are completely false," he declared at a press conference on the second day of his 42-hour visit to Brazil.

President Carter, who arrived yesterday from Venezuela on the second stop of his week-long Latin American and African tour, also dealt with the sensitive human rights and nuclear issues which have chilled American relations with Brazil. He said Brazil was making progress in expanding human rights.

But the president acknowledged differences still remained over human rights and Brazil's plan to purchase a \$5 billion nuclear reprocessing plant from West Germany. U.S. officials have voiced concern that the deal lacked safeguards to ensure Brazil could not divert plutonium -- the vital ingredient needed to make nuclear weapons -- for military purposes.

The president told the press conference the U.S. was still studying whether Israel had violated American law by using American-supplied arms in its recent military invasion of Lebanon.

He also said he had not changed his proposal to sell military aircraft to Saudi Arabia and Egypt in a package deal linked with the supply of warplanes to Israel.

The package was well balanced and would leave Israel as the predominant military and air power in the Middle East, he said.

Questioned about his reported attitude towards Mr. Begin, the president declared: "I can say unequivocally that no one in any position of responsibility in the U.S. administration has ever insinuated that Mr. Begin is not qualified as prime minister or that he should be replaced."

"I think Prime Minister Begin and his government are able to negotiate in an adequate and flexible way to reach an agreement with Egypt and later with Jordan and others," President Carter said. "We have not given up on the possibility of a negotiated peace settlement."

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Sadat, Weizman meet fails to revive bilateral talks

CAIRO, March 30 (R). — President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Defence Minister Ezer Weizman conferred here today but failed to reach agreement on terms for resuming peace talks between Israel and Egypt, a spokesman for the president announced. The spokesman, quoted by Cairo Radio, said: "The stalemate in the situation continues until Israel changes its position and progress is achieved. The military and political committees will not resume their work unless Israel changes its position."

Analysts viewed the statement as an indication that new ideas brought to Cairo by the Israeli minister had left the situation unchanged on two basic issues -- Egypt's demands for Palestinian self-determination and for Israel to disband Jewish settlements in occupied Arab lands.

The presidency spokesman said Mr. Weizman pledged to President Sadat that Israeli troops would withdraw from war-shattered southern Lebanon when United Nations peace-keeping forces set themselves up in the region.

Cairo Radio quoted the spokesman as saying that Mr. Weizman told Mr. Sadat: "The Israeli troops will not remain a single minute in Lebanon after the U.N. peace-keeping troops complete their deployment."

The radio reported that Mr. Weizman arrived in Cairo under conditions of total secrecy.

It said his meeting with Mr. Sadat lasted for two hours at the president's residence near Cairo. It was attended by Vice President Hosni Mubarak and an Israeli aide.

Israeli Radio reported earlier that Mr. Weizman was accompanied by Attorney General Aharon Barak. Mr. Weizman will spend the

night in Cairo, informed sources said. He will also hold talks with War Minister Gen. Mohammad Abdul Ghani Gammassi.

Mr. Weizman will be staying at Tahra Palace, where he stayed the last time he was here, the sources added.

Letter to Carter

In a later broadcast tonight, the official radio reported that Mr. Sadat would send a letter to U.S. President Jimmy Carter Friday, outlining the results of the talks.

Dr. Osama Baz, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, said the Weizman-Sadat meeting did not mean Egypt and Israel were "reopening the chapter of back-and-forth negotiations."

Speaking as the talks were underway, Mr. Al Baz said: "We are simply giving the Egyptian government a chance to prove to us and to the world at large that it is changing its attitude because in the absence of a significant change in the Israeli attitude, no progress can be achieved and no negotiations can be meaningful."

Other Foreign Ministry officials said the unusual government restrictions on press coverage was apparently an effort "not to give more importance

than is merited to the Weizman trip."

Reporters were kept far from both the Sadat-Weizman conference and a later meeting the Israeli delegation held with top Egyptian military officials.

Cairo Radio, in the early afternoon broadcast, quoted a presidential spokesman as saying Weizman's visit here should in no way be construed as a resumption of the work of full-scale political and military committees between the two countries. It said the talks concentrated on the Lebanon situation.

Pressures on Begin

Back in Israel, domestic pressure built up today on Premier Menachem Begin to soften his tough policy for peace in the Middle East. One newspaper said he has already started quietly to back down.

The independent, English-language Jerusalem Post said: "It seems evident that Prime Minister Begin has begun to climb down, quietly and discreetly, from two precarious limbs ... the inapplicability of U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 and the issue of settlements."

The Jerusalem Post quoted Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin as saying that Resolution 242 applied to the West Bank as

well as to the Sinai Peninsula and the Golan Heights. The newspaper also noted that a meeting of the cabinet settlements committee, which decides where new Jewish outposts should be set up, had been postponed from today.

A poll published by the independent Haaretz newspaper today showed that most Israelis believed President Carter's contention that the creation of new Jewish settlements on the West Bank would be an obstacle to peace.

Two days ago another Haaretz poll showed that Mr. Begin's popularity had dropped by almost 20 per cent this year.

Mr. Weizman was not expected to offer Egypt formal, revised proposals but he was believed to have taken "new ideas, interpretations and formulas," according to Israeli analysts who noted he was accompanied to Cairo by Attorney General Barak.

The analysts said Professor Barak's inclusion in the delegation suggested there would at least be detailed discussion on the various Israeli, Egyptian and U.S. ideas for a declaration of principles on a Middle East settlement.

It was meanwhile reported in Kuwait today that President Sadat has hinted to other Arab leaders that he is ready to quietly drop his peace initiative with Israel.

The daily Al Rai Al Aam quoted Arab diplomatic sources as saying Sadat's hint was conveyed in recent messages he sent to Arab leaders.

According to the report, the sources said a new effort by Kuwait and Saudi Arabia to restore Arab solidarity seemed to be inspired by Sadat's readiness to abandon his initiative "without much publicity and internal embarrassment."

Moro letter suggests exchange of prisoners may be coming up

ROME, March 30 (AP). — A handwritten and signed letter from kidnapped former Premier Aldo Moro suggesting an exchange with jailed terrorists was taken as authentic today. But it was believed to have been written under duress from his Marxist captors.

The 700-word letter, made public Wednesday night by Moro's Red Brigade abductors, was addressed to Interior Minister Francesco Cossiga and recalled past prisoner and spy exchanges. Moro, President of the Christian Democrat Party, also suggested possible Vatican efforts to obtain his release.

A Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Pierfranco Pastore, said: "The Holy See never turns its back to humanitarian actions."

The spokesman said he was expressing his personal opinion and counselled against hasty conclusions, adding: "I believe too much attention is being given (to the matter). I would wait until obscure points are clarified."

In his letter to Cossiga, the 61-year-old Moro said he finds himself "under full control" of his captors and undergoing a "people's trial". He asked the government to act wisely "to prevent worse trouble."

Moro also said he runs the risk of "being induced to speak in ways that may be unpleasant and dangerous" and added: "The sacrifice of the innocents in the name of an abstract principle of legality ... is inadmissible."

Investigators said the handwriting should be taken as authentic but Prosecutor Luciano Infelisi noted: "Moro was clearly forced to write some parts of his letter."

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Death toll from commando raid rises to 35

TEL AVIV, March 30 (R). — The number of deaths caused by the Palestinian guerrilla attack on Israel's coastline two weeks ago rose to 35 today when a woman wounded in the raid died in hospital.

World News Roundup ...

El Al escapes bomb attempt

FT BERLIN, March 30 (R). Explosives specialists defused a bomb left in front of the town office of the Israeli airlines, El Al, in West Berlin early today, police said. A black briefcase containing the home-made bomb was found lying against the office on the 18th floor of the Eurocentre. It held 2.5 kgs. of high explosives with an electric battery fuse coupled to a 60-minute time timer.

Saudi F-15s may have Israeli parts

WASHINGTON, March 29 (R). — The U.S. Defence Department today said Israel was making parts for the American F-15 fighter, some of which are being sold to Saudi Arabia. In response to a reporter's question, the Pentagon said Israeli companies were making the F-15's nose and main landing gear, doors and door assemblies, electronics access doors and fuselage and wing ribs. The spokesman said the Israeli-made parts were for 80 F-15s, but he could not say what particular planes are involved.

Dutch expel two Russians

THE HAGUE, March 30 (AP). — The Netherlands has quietly expelled two Soviet officials reported to have been involved in spy and industrial espionage, a Dutch Foreign Ministry spokesman said today. The Russians were identified as E.A. Lupukhov, a member of the Soviet trade delegation in Amsterdam, and S.V. Chervakov, a member of the Soviet trade delegation in Rotterdam. Dutch officials would not discuss the background of the expulsions, but the mass-circulation newspaper De Telegraaf said the two Russians had been trying to obtain secret information on the computer and electronics field. De Telegraaf said they were working for Soviet military intelligence.

Pound sterling drops in Europe

LONDON, March 30 (R). — The pound sterling dropped on European foreign exchange markets today, losing more than a cent against a stronger dollar this afternoon and leaving many dealers puzzled. The pound closed in London at \$1.8615, well down on last night's closing figure of \$1.8825. Dealers reported selling from European Centres and were uncertain whether the Bank of England was intervening to steady the rate. They were unable to pinpoint any major depressants.

Red Cross envoy dies in Lebanon

GENEVA, March 30 (R). — An International Red Cross delegate in Lebanon, Swiss poet and dramatist Louis Gualis, was killed in a motor accident during the night. Red Cross headquarters announced here today. The Geneva-based International Red Cross Committee said Mr. Gualis, 46, married with two children, had carried out missions for the Red Cross in Bangladesh, Vietnam and Cyprus since 1972 before going to Lebanon, where he was based at the port of Tyre. It said the accident occurred near the port city but had no further details.

NATO to review nuclear strategy

BRUSSELS, March 30 (R). — Seven NATO defence ministers will meet in Denmark on April 18 to review the nuclear strategy of the alliance, NATO said today. The two-day meeting in the Little Jutland port of Frederikshavn will bring together the four permanent members of the alliance's nuclear planning group, the U.S., West Germany, Britain and Italy, as well as Denmark, Turkey and Belgium. The ministers' agenda will include the modernisation of NATO's tactical nuclear arsenal into the 1980s, an item which seems certain to include the controversial neutron warhead, which kills without destroying buildings.

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Wilf McGuinness, a former Manchester United star, hugs a football at the sports city football stadium. Mr. McGuinness is in Amman to coach the Jordan Police Team.

The thoughts of Mr Begin's people

There are some interesting results coming out of recent public opinion polls in Israel, and they throw very real doubt on how far the views of Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin reflect accurately the views of Israelis in general. For example, two polls conducted within the past two weeks show that a majority of Israelis would give up occupied Arab territory and would restrict or stop Jewish settlements if this were the price of a true peace agreement. If those two polls accurately reflect the feelings of Israelis, then one has to wonder about the legitimacy of Menachem Begin's bargaining position to date. This is not to say that a different prime minister than Mr. Begin would conclude a peace agreement tomorrow, but it does raise some questions about the quality of leadership that Israel has at this very demanding time. Given the opportunities that were opened by the Sadat initiative, one thinks that the people of Israel have had their bluff called on their perpetual pleas for peace with the Arabs. But the peace-making process is not conducted by public opinion polls. It is the work of individual negotiators who get their mandate from their people and their fellow politicians. While it is uncertain what would happen if another prime minister took office in Israel, it is quite certain now that Mr. Begin represents a hardline position that does not accurately reflect the feelings of the Israeli public.

The Fateh guerrilla raid and the subsequent Israeli invasion of southern Lebanon have momentarily covered up these internal disagreements as all rally around the prime minister. But with every passing day and week, any real debate within Israel about the terms of peace with the Arabs will come to the surface. What will be most interesting to watch for is not a softening of Mr. Begin's position, but rather any major shifts in the Israeli public's feelings about trading land for true security.

If any such shift comes to the fore, it may signal the beginning of Zionism's territorial definition and constriction, a process of pivotal importance to any lasting peace in Palestine. Most Arabs are dubious about any such thing taking place, but if it is to happen, an opportunity for this now seems to be at hand.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordanian newspapers Thursday criticised the statement by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin before the Knesset Wednesday as one that virtually ended Egypt's peace initiative.

AL RAI charged that Israel had chosen the war alternative after it had failed to achieve peace. This was the effect of the plan which Premier Menachem Begin had submitted to Presidents Sadat and Carter and reiterated before the Knesset Wednesday.

The concept of peace as understood by the Arabs and the community of nations, had now become deadlocked because of Israel's refusal to apply Security Council Resolution 242 to the occupied West Bank of the River Jordan and the Gaza Strip, the newspaper said.

This resolution calls in part for Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territory to secure and recognised borders. "On March 15 Israel chose the war alternative by attacking southern Lebanon. The Arabs were not in a position to take up the war challenge."

"Israel will continue its attempts to...swallow a piece of land here and another there so long as the Arabs lack unity and solidarity," the newspaper said.

It called on the Arab countries to turn southern Lebanon "into an area of attrition which will drain Israel's military effort," if Israel failed to withdraw from it.

AL DUSTOUR said the statement was Israel's "last bullet which killed President Sadat's initiative, when Begin said that the only acceptable formula for peace is that which does not commit Israel to a total withdrawal from occupied Arab territories or to agreeing to a Palestinian state."

Mr. Begin had thus ended President Sadat's initiative and yet he called on him to join into a dialogue which was unrelated to the Egyptian president's initiative, the newspaper added.

The commentary on Cairo Radio which rejected Begin's speech was satisfactory, Al Dustour said. It added that President Sadat should now announce that his initiative had ended.

"Such an announcement will not affect President Sadat himself but it will have a pro-Arab chain of international reactions. It will also be...a courageous step by Cairo which will end all inter-Arab differences and encourage an Arab summit meeting to discuss a new strategy," the newspaper concluded.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Jordan Times welcomes letters from its readers commenting on material published in the newspaper or on any matter of public interest. Letters should be typed, double-spaced, and preferably not longer than 300 words. They will be edited only for style and grammatical purposes, and letters longer than 300 words may be shortened at the editor's discretion.

Letters should be sent by mail to: the Editor, the Jordan Times, P.O. Box 6710, Amman, Jordan.

Football must be a community effort, says coach of the Jordan Police Team

By Lee S. Tesdell
 Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 30 — What is a former player for the English national football team doing in Amman? The answer is easy, training the Jordan Police Team for its upcoming participation in the Arab Police Championships in Damascus beginning on May 13, 1978. "We've a chance if things go well for us," says Wilf McGuinness, who previous to his 1958 and 1959 performance with the British national team, played for one of England's top clubs, Manchester United.

The chance to work in Jordan came last fall, Wilf told the Jordan Times recently. He arrived here in January 1978 specifically to train the police team for its upcoming tournament, although Wilf also told the Jordan Times that

he might not be averse to a chance to stay in Jordan for a longer period of time.

"I think I can help them a lot," said Wilf of the Jordanian team. He added that "everybody is keen to play" here and that he has seen, "a lot of skillful players on difficult grounds." To supply young talent to Jordan's football teams though, "it must be encouraged at schoolboy level," said Wilf. As far as problems are concerned, "the players seem lacking in consistent team play, perhaps on the physical fitness side as well," but Wilf observes, "they are very keen and willing to learn new ideas."

At the May championships in Syria the Jordanian side will face teams from a group including Qatar, Syria, Palestine, Libya and the United Arab Emirates. A second group includes Saudi Arabia, Bah-

rein, Iraq, Sudan and Kuwait.

Since his professional playing career in England ended, Wilf worked as a trainer for Manchester United, became team manager in 1969 and then, during the '60's, was appointed a trainer with the English national team and coached clubs in Salonika and Patros in Greece -- all since his playing career ended with a broken leg in 1959.

None of this means, however, that Wilf has stopped playing football altogether, a fact to which his opponents and team mates in the informal weekly Amman football league can attest. Wilf, who shows his form when time permits -- as the key play maker for the British Embassy team -- has already terrified the likes of the German Embassy players, and may soon do the same to the French, Yugoslav, and any other team which matches can be arranged.

Asked about his football philosophy, Wilf replied that the sport really has to be a community effort, with good young players being fed into the teams, along with good training and lots of public support. "If you haven't got passion" for the sport, Wilf said, it won't be successful. "We play to win, that's what it's all about," he concluded.

At present the selection and training process is underway for the police team which will play in Damascus. Usually the police team plays other police teams, although some of the players are also with private clubs, of which there are six in Jordan's first division: Ramtha, Hussein (Irbid), Ahli, Faisali, Jazira and Jeel. There is apparently potential for two more first-division teams, the Jordan Times was told.

National News Roundup

Labour exchange agreement with Pakistan stipulates equal treatment for expatriate, local workers

AMMAN, March 30 (JNA). — Details of a draft labour exchange agreement between Jordan and Pakistan were announced here today. The draft had been approved by a Cabinet meeting yesterday. Under the agreement the ministries of labour in the two countries will regulate the movement of workers between the two countries and issue work permits. The agreement gives businessmen in Jordan and Pakistan the right to request entry visas for individual employees under contract. It also gives workers in either country the same rights and privileges enjoyed by workers who are citizens of that country. The accord further forces businessmen to obtain work and residence permits for workers from the other country, and gives workers the right to send home part of their income. A joint Jordanian-Pakistani committee will supervise the implementation of the three-years agreement, which is renewable. Minister of Labour Issam Ajlouni will be going to Pakistan soon to finalise the deal.

Arab Car Insurance Committee session ends

AMMAN, March 30 (JNA). — The Arab Car Insurance Committee of the General Arab Insurance Union today concluded a three-day session in Amman. Jordan's representative at the meetings, Mr. Ghaleb Abu Qura said that the committee discussed problems impeding the implementation of an agreement signed in Tunis in 1975 according to which a unified system of regulations was to be put into force for vehicles travelling between Arab countries. The committee has adopted a number of recommendations that will be referred to the General Arab Insurance Union session scheduled to be held in Algiers on April 22.

Sharif Sharaf meets Theatrical Guild

AMMAN, March 30 (JNA). — Minister of Culture and Youth Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf today met with the new founding committee of the Jordanian Theatrical Guild. The minister expressed satisfaction at the development of the theatre in Jordan and at the response of citizens to the plays which were performed. The guild was set up early this year.

New Ramtha Hospital will be finished next month

IRBID, March 30 (JNA). — Work on the New Ramtha Hospital is due to be completed next month, the director of health in the Irbid Governorate said here today. The new 26-bed hospital will cost nearly JD 80,000. Work is still continuing on another hospital in the Northern Jordan Valley region and is expected to be completed in the next few months. The 25-bed hospital will offer health services to 42 villages in the region the director of health said.

Archaeological survey of Northern Jordan Valley completed

AMMAN, March 30 (JNA). — A general archaeological survey has been carried out in the Northern Jordan Valley region in a race against time by the Antiquities Department to salvage the archaeological wealth of sites threatened with inundation by the construction of the King Talal and Al Maqaren Dams, Director of the Antiquities Department Dr. Adnan Al Hadidi said here today. The survey was conducted in cooperation with the Jordan Valley Authority, the American School of Oriental Research and the University of Jordan. Another similar survey has been conducted in the Southern Jordan Valley with a view to salvaging archaeological sites there threatened by the spread of industry.

New post offices for Irbid

IRBID, March 30 (JNA). — Five new post offices and five branch post offices will be opened in the Irbid Governorate early next month, the director of communications said here today.

65 shopkeepers to go before military tribunal

AMMAN, March 30 (JNA). — The Ministry of Supply yesterday referred 65 merchants and greengrocers to the military tribunal for not observing the commodity prices fixed by the ministry.

Cabinet allocates JD 300,000 for road maintenance

AMMAN, March 30 (JNA). — The Cabinet has decided to grant a loan of JD 300,000 to the Ministry of Public Works for the maintenance of rural roads.

Three new schools are under construction in 'Ajloun

'AJLOUN, March 30 (JNA). — Three educational centres are being constructed in the 'Ajloun district, Director of Education in 'Ajloun Fu'ad Khasawneh said today. The director said that the projects, estimated to cost JD 304,000 include the construction of a central school for the district accommodating 600 students, and a handicraft centre for the town of 'Anjarah that will accommodate 150 students. The projects are expected to be completed by the start of the next scholastic year, Mr. Khasawneh said.

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TO OUR READERS

Those of you who have been reading the Jordan Times for a year or more will notice a gradual shift in our news coverage, with more and more emphasis on local and national news. This trend will continue, and will require changes in the layout and design of the Jordan Times. Starting today, we have moved the Amman Marketplace to page 4, and brought the Jordan Times Daily Guide to page 3, where it more rightly belongs with the other local news.

Our overall aim is to provide more national news and features, and we would be happy to hear your suggestions about the things you would like to see -- or not like to see -- in the Jordan Times.

-- the editor

Economic and Business News

Cement factory board reviews means to boost output

AMMAN, March 30 (JNA). — The Jordan Cement Factories board met today under Minister of Industry and Commerce Najmeddine Dajani to review measures taken to boost the factory's output to meet the increase in demand in the local market. Factory sources said that several shiploads of imported cement have been purchased to meet the current shortage. The vessels are expected in Aqaba port within two weeks.

Iraqi team due here to sign new trade protocol

AMMAN, March 30 (JNA). — An Iraqi economic delegation is expected here on April 14, a source at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce said here today. According to the source, the delegation, to be led by the Iraqi under-secretary of trade, will sign a new trade protocol with Jordan which currently exports vegetables, fruit, fodder, clothes, and cigarettes to Iraq and imports dates, fertilisers, phosphates, blankets and heaters in accordance with an agreement signed between the two countries in 1965.

Draft agreements with Morocco referred to P.M.'s office

AMMAN, March 30 (JNA). — The Ministry of Industry and Commerce today referred to the prime minister's office three draft agreements to be concluded between Jordan and Morocco. These cover bilateral cooperation in economics, trade and navigation.

Investments committee to review applications for exemptions

AMMAN, March 30 (JNA). — Committee for the Encouragement of Investment meets Monday with Minister of Industry and Commerce in the chair to look into applications submitted by some newly-licensed firms to benefit from privileges and exemptions cited in the investments encouragement law.

JD 700,000 loan to Jarash Municipality

JARASH, March 30 (JNA). — Jarash Municipality has obtained a loan of JD 700,000 to finance the city's sewerage network, a source at Jarash Municipality said today. The Jarash district governor said that work on the project will start some time this year and that preliminary studies are under way.

Clubs, Societies, Sports Groups—let us know what you are doing

Our "What's going on" section needs YOUR help if it is going to be a success. It's the news of your clubs, your exhibitions, your meetings and outings that are open to the public which appear in "What's going on." Help us to help you publicise your public events. Charity bazaar, school open days, concerts, commercial exhibitions -- our readers are interested in your event. Please write us at P.O. Box 6710, telephone 67171 or even call in at our office on the Amman-Swedish road between 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. and tell us what's going on. The Jordan Times will publish free listings on the day of the event.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Spring Exhibition

An exhibition of works by Jordanian artist Ali Ghoul is on display at the Palace of Culture, Hussein Youth City.

Children's Film

"The Tales of Beatrix Potter" will be showing this month at 10:30, at the British Council. Entry today is unrestricted.

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Applications should be submitted by mail to the above address.

مكتبة الأمل

Sami Esmail's trial adjourned while court considers validity of disputed confession

AVIV, March 30 (AP). — A trial of Sami Esmail, an accused of belonging to a Palestinian guerrilla organization, was adjourned today April 10, when the court ruled on the validity of a confession he signed while under duress.

Attorney Felicia La-... charged that the confession was obtained under duress and that the prosecution had nothing to show that no inducement was involved. She will present precedents in writing to the judges.

The court's decision is expected to be a landmark in the chronic backlog of cases which slows the judicial process. Esmail, 24-year-old engineering student at Michigan State University, waited for three months before coming to trial, and must now sit another 10 days in prison before the court rules on the validity of his confession.

Only then will the actual charge that he trained in Libya for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) be dealt with.

The defendant, an American of Palestinian descent, was arrested Dec. 21 when he arrived in Israel to visit his dying father, a resident of the occupied West Bank.

Mr. Esmail was born in Brooklyn, New York, and returned briefly to live in the West Bank with his family in 1960.

ISRAEL AND HUMAN RIGHTS



Esmail makes a victory sign Wednesday as he enters the district court in Tel Aviv where his trial is being held. (AP wirephoto)

Amman Stock Exchange Report

NAME OF COMPANY	PAR value	Volume traded	Opening price	Closing price
Jordan Pipe Manufacturing Co.	JD 10,000	3,120	11,000	10,400
Jordan Lime and Bricks Manufacturing Co.	JD 5,000	80	—	4,000
Housing Bank	JD 1,000	110	1,100	1,100
Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	775	1,800	1,800
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	170	0,850	0,850
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	105	0,600	0,700
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5,000	1,500	14,100	15,000
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10,000	1,560	15,550	15,600
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	6,630	6,500	6,500
Total volume traded, Thursday, March 30 : JD 14,050				
75 per cent of share capital paid				

Coming & Going...

Marwan Qassem in Belgrade

BELGRADE, March 30 (R). — Jordanian Supply Minister Marwan Qassem, who arrived here today for a three-day official visit, discussed the improvement of bilateral economic cooperation and trade with Yugoslav Foreign Minister Emil Ludviger.

Mr. Qassem will have meetings with other Yugoslav government officials and will tour some trade, agricultural and industrial organizations during the visit, officials said.

Tourism director general off to Italy

AMMAN, March 30 (JNA). — Director General of Tourism Michael Hamarneh left for Bari, Italy today to attend the opening of the tourism fair Saturday, April 1. The fair in which Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, is participating will last eight days.

Labour Ministry team leaves for Algeria

AMMAN, March 30 (JNA). — A four-member delegation representing the Ministry of Labour yesterday left for Algeria to participate in a forty-day symposium organized by the Arab Institute for Labour Education and Research.

Nabulsi, Obeid to attend AMF meet

AMMAN, March 30 (JNA). — Governor of the Jordan Central Bank Dr. Said Al Nabulsi, and Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Finance Farhi Obeid will represent Jordan at the meeting of governors of the Arab Monetary Fund due to open in Abu Dhabi April 20. The governors will discuss in the four-day session matters concerning staff, lending policy and contribution of member states to the fund's 250 million Arab dinars capital.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Jordanian filis	307.00/309.00
Buying/Selling	577.00/581.00
U.S. dollar	151.40/152.30
U.K. sterling	163.80/164.70
W. German mark	66.70/67.10
Swiss franc	36.00/36.20
French franc	138.60/139.40
Italian lire (for every 100)	141.60/142.40
Japanese yen (for every 100)	97.40/98.00
Dutch guilder	86.80/87.20
Belgian franc (for every ten)	
Swedish crown	

First Jordanian violinist to earn international recognition returns to play to "his public"

By Fawzia Mai
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 30 — Presently on a two-week visit to his home country, Habib Kayaleh, Jordan's first violinist, tonight gave his first recital in Amman. Habib and his wife Ingrid Hoogendorp, a renowned Dutch pianist, spoke to the Jordan Times about their careers.

The Jordan Times met Habib Kayaleh and Ingrid Hoogendorp in the Palace of Culture where the handsome couple were busy rehearsing and studying the acoustics of the hall. Habib, an effervescent, eager 29-year-old young man, and Ingrid, blonde, sweet and soft-spoken, told the Jordan Times the tale of their careers. The tale's happy ending is not entirely built on a number of good fortunes appearing at the right moment, but very much more on their own talent, genius and hard work.

Habib was born in a family of musical doctors. Both his father and uncle, an ophthalmologist and a radiologist respectively, are amateur musicians as well as well-known doctors, and play in trios and quartets. Impregnated by this atmosphere, Habib showed an early talent for music; at the age of five he owned his first violin, which though half-sized, allowed him to start lessons with a local teacher. Soon afterwards he started giving small public appearances, apart from regular performances at school.

One day, he was heard by E. Benjamin, a master violin soloist, from the Conservatoire du Liban. The great Benjamin was much too busy and never took students; but he accepted to let the boy come and study with him. So it was that Habib spent two years in Lebanon, where he also studied for a short time with Aileen Hovey, a professor in the Fine Arts Department of the American University of Beirut who also lent his services as a conductor to the conservatoire orchestra. Under his teachers' injunctions, his family agreed to spare him the medical career to which he was destined. Benjamin decided he should go to Paris.

In 1966, therefore, Habib then a 17-year-old lad, succeeded in passing the exam for the Classe de Prix of the Conservatoire de Paris. He joined Rene Benedetti's class for violin beside taking theoretical courses with Pierre Lantier and the regular courses in harmony, counterpoint, chamber music and conducting. In 1969, he graduated with the first prize "of course, because that's what I came and worked for."

He then obtained various irregular short-term contracts. But not satisfied yet, he went

to Geneva to join great masters he'd heard of, namely, Italian master Corrado Romano and Baud-Bovy, Conductor of the Orchestre de la Suisse Romande. The latter admired his ambition above all. During the next three years, Habib perfected his orchestration and conducting as well as violin technique. "I threw away my soloist mentality to become once again a student," Habib recalls with a warm smile. Finally, his career was launched.

His contracts took him all over Western Europe: Switzerland, France, Holland, Germany, and Romania -- where he performed a 12-concert tour. His ambition did not stop there. He formed then the Kayaleh Trio, with Ingrid Hoogendorp playing the piano and Reinhold Giddy, first cellist of the London Philharmonic, playing the cello. He also founded the Nyon Chamber Orchestra which he conducts regularly.

"compatriotic context" therefore, Habib contacted and arranged with Minister of Culture and Youth Sharif Fawwaz Sharaf to present a recital in the Palace of Culture.

The repertoire he played, accompanied on the piano by Ingrid, was rich and covered different musical periods. The first part of the evening started with Brahms's Sonata in G major (pure romanticism) followed by Szymanowski's Sonata in D minor (Polish impressionism and beginning of the modern period). After the intermission, they interpreted Cesar Franck's Sonata in A major (pure French impressionism).

This recital was only "the first step to show the Jordanians what classical music is, what a Jordanian can do," Habib thinks that people tend to forget classical music in this part of the world, this music which is so rich. "This



Pianist Ingrid Hoogendorp.

who had started her own career before he had. Despite his fears, their contact was excellent from the start, and as far as music was concerned, their points of view agreed. When the concert was over, they were engaged. Soon after, they got married.

Ingrid started studying the piano at five and also comes from a musical family. She was a prodigy, prominent student at the Rotterdam Conservatoire where she studied with Gert van der Steen, she graduated at the age of 13 with high distinctions. Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra's Nikita Magaloff then asked her parents to let her study with him; she became his protegee for some years and went through an active period which took her to Switzerland, Holland, and Nice (France). She won the first prize of the Geneva Conservatoire as well as the Prix de Virtuosite (Virtuosity Prize); she was then only 18. She was also invited to play in Bucharest (Romania) in the Georges Enescu Festival. She has also participated in the Scriabin International Contest in Oslo where she was the prize winner. She also has recordings and has played for Geneva Radio.

The happy couple do not have many, many children yet, just one little girl, Laurence, who is now two-and-a-half-years-old. She too has shown signs of being gifted and already plays the piano with two fingers.

The violin on which Habib performed tonight has a long history behind it. It is an authentic Florentine Guidantius, made in Italy in 1731. It is still almost without any defects. It has been played by Rodolphe Kreutzer, one of the eighteenth century's greatest violinists and pedagogues. Habib believes that all violins sound correct "if you know how to make them sound." There are many fine violin makers all over the world but one has to reckon that the quality is not any more what it used to be.



Jordanian violinist Habib Kayaleh (left) poses with world renowned violinist Yehudi Menuhin.

He also takes part in musical festivals such as the Divonne Festival in France, (traditionally taking place during summertime all over Europe.) It was in one of these seasons that Yehudi Menuhin (world famous American violin virtuoso) heard him play. He qualified Habib as a "violinist with temperament, attack and projection." Since then they have been good friends. Habib has played in Yehudi Menuhin's Gstaad Festival. He also has recorded several LPs which, unfortunately, have not yet been channelled to Jordan.

Asked about his present visit to Jordan, Habib said: "I have been representing Jordan abroad over the years, it's high time I should deliver what I can do to my own (Jordanian) public and get in touch with it," because, he added, "I have not forgotten Jordan." In a

music is immortal, it never dies, whereas simple songs do die."

"My hope," he continued, "is that people will start to make an effort towards this world (of classical music), to make as much effort as they are for songs." His is one of Jordan's first success stories in classical music, but more Jordanians must succeed in this field. This is what he was trying to say through his recital.

Asked about his wedding and how he had met his wife-to-be, Habib says that in 1971 he was asked to perform four works in a gala soiree of contemporary music by the Suisse Romande, with the four composers sitting in the hall. The pianist with whom he was supposed to play was a certain Ingrid Hoogendorp, whom he only knew by name and through posters, as a young soloist

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JORDAN TELEVISION

Channel 3 & 6:	Channel 3:
10:00 Quran	19:30 Religious programme
10:15 Cartoons	20:30 Reportage
10:55 Laurel and Hardy	21:20 Arabic series
11:15 Science for children	22:15 Baratta
11:30 Religious programme	
12:00 Arabic film	
14:00 Animated classics	
14:05 Religious programme	
14:30 Arabic series	
16:50 In search of	
17:30 Soccer	
20:00 News in Arabic	
23:00 News in Arabic	

RADIO JORDAN

7:00 Morning show	14:00 News bulletin
7:30 News bulletin	14:30 Ibn Batuta
8:00 Morning show	15:00 Concert: hour
10:00 News headlines	16:00 Pop session
10:03 My kind of music	17:00 Jordan weekly
10:15 Folk-Angle	17:30 Pop session
11:00 News headlines	18:00 News summary
11:02 Listeners Choice	18:05 Faces and places
12:00 News headlines	18:30 Melody time
12:03 Listeners choice	19:00 News bulletin
13:00 News summary	19:10 Music
13:05 Pop session	19:30 Signing off

BBC RADIO

GMT	14:30 Meet the Composer
05:00 News: 24 Hours	15:00 Radio Newsreel
05:30 Sarah Ward	15:15 Outlook
05:45 World Today	16:00 News: Commentary
06:00 News	16:15 Science in Action
06:30 What's New	16:45 World Today
07:00 News: 24 Hours	17:00 News: Book Choice
07:30 Sarah Ward	17:15 Music Now
07:45 Merchant Navy	17:45 Sports Round-up
08:00 News: Reflections	18:00 News: News about Britain
08:15 Schubert plays Beethoven	
08:30 Take it or Leave it	
09:00 News: Press Review	
09:15 World Today	
09:30 Financial News	
09:45 Music Now	
10:15 Merchant Navy	
10:30 Science in Action	
11:00 News: News about Britain	
11:15 Face of England	
11:30 Bob Holmes	
12:00 Radio Newsreel	
12:15 My Music	
12:45 Sports Round-up	
13:00 News: 24 Hours	
13:30 News Theatre	
14:15 Don't Miss!	

VOICE OF AMERICA

GMT	ries, Feature: Short Stories, News Summary
03:00 The Breakfast Show	18:30 Country Music USA
to on the hour and 28 min	19:00 News and Topical Reports
06:30 after each hour	19:15 Letters from Listeners
17:00 News	19:30 New York, New York
17:30 Press Conference USA	20:00 Special English, News, Words and their Stories
18:00 Special English, News, Words and their Stories	20:15 Music USA (Jazz)

AMMAN AIRPORT

Arrivals:	Departures:
8:00 Baghdad	8:00 Aqaba
8:15 Beirut (EA)	8:45 Beirut (MEA)
9:50 Aqaba	9:15 Cairo (EA)
11:45 Kuwait (KAC)	10:10 Athens, Amsterdam (KLM)
16:30 Bucharest (Tarom)	11:40 Frankfurt, Copenhagen
17:40 Jeddah	12:00 Jeddah
17:40 Paris (AF)	12:45 Kuwait (KAC)
	17:10 Kuwait (Tarom)
	18:15 Damascus
	19:00 Cairo
	19:30 Dubai, Karachi
	19:30 Damascus, Beirut
	19:30 Medina, Jeddah (SDI)
	20:30 Kuwait
	22:00 Tehran
	22:35 Rawalpindi (BA)
	22:55 Doha, Muscat
	23:59 Jeddah

CULTURAL CENTRES

American Centre (USIS)	Tel. 41520
British Council	" 36147-8
French Cultural Centre	" 37009
Goethe Institute	" 41983
Soviet Cultural Centre	" 44203
Amman Municipal Library	" 36111

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 75111
Civil defence rescue	" 24391-4
Fire headquarters	" 22090
Firstaid, fire, police	" 19
Jordan Electric Power Co. (emergency)	" 36381-2
Municipal water service (emergency)	" 37111-3
Police headquarters	" 39141
Najdeh roving patrol rescue police, (English spoken) 24 hours a day for emergency help	" 21111, 37777
Airport information (Alia)	" 55205

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Cultural Centres (Damascus)

Al Hama Theatre	Tel. 226-448
Al Sha'b Art Gallery	" 228-527
American Centre	" 552-362
Arab Cultural Centre	" 333-727
Deutch Democratic Republic Cultural Centre	" 332-932
French Cultural Centre	" 330-694
Kabbani Theatre	" 222-016
National Museum	" 114-854
Soviet Cultural Centre	" 225-650
Spanish Cultural Centre	" 334-003
Urnha Art Gallery	" 334-619
Zahariya Public Library	" 111-318

Useful telephone numbers

Ambulance (government)	Tel. 99
Chamber of Commerce	" 118-339
Electric Power Co. (repash)	" 223-887
Fire headquarters	" 91
Information	" 95/97
Municipal water service	" 113-500
Time (in Arabic)	" 99

French navy bombs Japan's Fukuda will strengthen security at new Narita Airport

wrecked tanker to release trapped oil

PORTSALL, France, March 30 (R). — French navy helicopters today resume bombing the shattered supertanker Amoco Cadiz to release oil still trapped inside. Three Super-Frelon helicopters yesterday dropped 12 high explosive depth charges on the ship, which ran aground near here on March 16, to release the estimated 20,000 tons left from an original 220,000 tons of crude oil.

Maritime officials said the bombing released oil from the aft section of the ship, but a further attempt would be required today on the middle section.

They said the operation would be carried out at low tide -- 09:00 and 15:00 GMT.

The order to bomb the Liberator-registered tanker, which now lies in three pieces and has caused unprecedented pollution along the Brittany coast was made after local residents complained that the oil

erwise slow leakage of remaining oil for months to come would severely affect their livelihoods.

Officials believe that with all the oil released into the sea mopping-up operations can go ahead more quickly and effectively.

Earlier, they had planned to send divers to plant small charges which would blast escape holes in the hull, but abandoned the scheme because of rough seas.

The crude oil which has leaked from the Amoco Cadiz

has polluted 200 kms. of coastline, killing sea-birds and fish and threatening Brittany's normally thriving tourist trade.

New rules, which were rushed through the weekly cabinet meeting last week, were brought into force yesterday to gauge against new accidents.

These ban tankers from sailing closer than seven nautical miles from the western tip of Brittany and requires them to report their position, route and any incidents when they enter French waters.

NARITA, Japan, March 30 (R). — Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda today said he was determined to strengthen security arrangements at Tokyo's new international airport following Sunday's big brawl between riot police and anti-airport extremists.

The violence caused the postponement of today's scheduled opening of the airport.

New legislation would be enacted to stem radical violence if existing laws were found to be insufficient to deal with such incidents as Sunday's all-out fighting, Mr. Fukuda said.

The prime minister also told the Diet (parliament) that he would insist that the airport be opened as soon as possible after the replacement of equipment destroyed by radicals.

Government sources said the airport's radar would be ready for operation tomorrow, but other equipment would take longer to repair or replace.

Radicals spent two hours in the airport's control tower on Sunday using hammers and iron bars to smash equipment needed to get airliners into and out of the airport.

Meanwhile riot police maintained a heavy guard at the airport, 80 kms. northeast of the capital.

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Fighting breaks out in Iranian cities

TEHRAN, Iran, March 30 (AP). — Fighting broke out in several Iranian cities today, between police and anti-government students after, authorities said, the students attacked government buildings.

One man was killed in the town of Qazvin after he and a colleague, distributing leaflets from a car, opened fire on police, authorities said.

Police said Qazvin has been the scene of sporadic demonstrations and fire-bombings over the past few days. They said several banks were attacked by anti-government demonstrators who broke windows and damaged property.

Disturbances also were reported in Tehran, Mashad, Dezful, Isfahan and Yazd.

The students were protesting the killing, by police, of several demonstrators during a disturbance in northern Iran in February.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of inter-bank trading on the London foreign exchange market last night. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling	2.8610/20	U.S. dollars
One dollar	2.0250/65	West German marks
	2.1675/85	Dutch guilders
	1.8785/8805	Swiss francs
	31.54/57	Belgian francs
	4.6050/6125	French francs
	853.25/75	Italian lire
	222.40/60	Japanese yen
	4.5930/60	Swedish crowns
	5.3060/90	Norwegian crowns
	5.5620/50	Danish crowns

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Equities closed narrowly mixed Thursday while government bonds held steady in light trading, dealers said. At 15:00 hrs. the F.T. index was down 0.4 at 467.7.

British shares showed few changes while golds softened with the bullion price. South African industrial firms on buying from South Africa following that country's budget, while some U.S. and Canadian shares also advanced.

Government bonds closed mostly steady after erasing early falls of up to 1/2. Market sentiment was affected by the continuing weakness of sterling on foreign exchange markets, dealers said.

Glaxo and Beecham rose by 4p and 6p respectively while other leading industrials were little changed. Among steady oils, Royal Dutch gained 3/4 stg. to 45-1/2, while B.P. was unchanged after announcing its capital outlay plans. House of Fraser fell by 4p to 144-1/2p after final results and some other stores were also easier.

Banks firmed slightly, while Prudential Assurance closed 2p lower at 160p after final figures.

Gold price not received.

World News Briefs

Venda asks for full independence

SIBASA, South Africa, March 30 (R). — Another black homeland, Venda, has asked the South African government for full independence. The small (population: 270,000) homeland in the northeast corner of South Africa is the home of the Venda nation which consists of 27 tribes. Venda has been internal self-governing since 1973. Chief Minister Chief Patrick Mphahlele asked in parliament here yesterday that the South African government grant the homeland full independence. "It has been proved that the Venda government and people were developed," he said. "It is time for Venda to take over the running of its own affairs." The South African government is expected to come the application for independence.

Dollar recovers again in Tokyo

TOKYO, March 30 (R). — The dollar recovered after dropping again to its record postwar low level of 220.70 yen on the Tokyo Foreign Exchange Market today. Dealers warned, however, that they saw the recovery as a "passing phenomenon" and the thought the yen would soon continue its recent rise. The doll closed at 222.70 yen here, up sharply from an opening of 220.9 and last night's close of 221.60. The Bank of Japan did not intervene, but trading was active with \$544 million changing hands, dealers said. A Foreign Ministry spokesman announced today that the world economy and currency problems will be major topics when Japanese Prime Minister Takeo Fukuda meets President Carter in Washington on May 3.

Derailed train sets off blaze in Arkansas

LEWISVILLE, Arkansas, March 30 (R). — Firemen battle today to control chemical fires from a derailed train which yesterday forced the evacuation of all 1,700 residents of this town. Firemen were unable to use their hoses to fight the flames by were making some impression on the blaze. However officials were worried that the heat might ignite another toppled wagon containing gas. The fire started when a goods train was derailed causing a tanker loaded with highly toxic vinyl chloride to explode. Two locomotives crashed into the chemical plant, causing another explosion and blaze.

Soviet dissidents get 12 years hard labour

MOSCOW, March 30 (R). — A Soviet court has sentenced two Ukrainian members of a dissident human rights group to 12 years in labour camps and exile on a charge of anti-Soviet activity, dissident sources said today. They said Miroslav Mironov, 28, and Mykola Matusevich, 30, were found guilty and sentenced yesterday by a court in the town of Vasilkov, south of the Ukrainian capital of Kiev. Both were members of a local dissident group set up in 1976 to monitor Soviet observance of human rights pledges made at the European Security Conference in Helsinki a year earlier. They were given seven years in labour camp followed by five years' exile in a remote area of the Soviet Union -- the maximum sentence for first offenders charged with what the law describes as anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda.

Western states give South Africa new proposals for Namibia solution

CAPE TOWN, South Africa, March 30 (AP). — Delegates of five Western nations today handed South Africa new proposals for a solution to the Namibia (South West Africa) dispute and then flew to the disputed territory to meet leaders there.

The proposals are seen here as a final bid by the five -- the United States, Britain, France, Canada and West Germany -- to work out an internationally acceptable transition to independence in the territory that would include the guerrilla-backed South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO).

No details were disclosed of the proposals. But they are believed to contain a compromise formula for how many South African troops should remain in the territory during preparation for independence. Pretoria wants at least 4,000, while SWAPO has demanded a maximum of 1,500 limited to a base in the south.

The communist-backed movement is waging a hit-and-run guerrilla war in the north from bases in Angola.

It was understood here that the proposals were handed at the same time to SWAPO leaders in Lusaka, the capital of Zambia.

South Africa has pledged to grant the disputed territory independence this year with or without SWAPO and international

recognition. Pretoria has administered South West Africa since the end of World War I under a League of Nations mandate repudiated by the United Nations.

The South Africans have made extensive efforts to cooperate with the Western five, recognizing that international approval would be vital for South West Africa to become a viable exporter of minerals.

Turkey makes clear its views on Carter's new defence proposals

ANKARA, Turkey, March 30 (AP). — Turkey has made clear its views on "specific proposals" of U.S. President Jimmy Carter toward a revitalization of Turkish-American relations, the Foreign Ministry reported today.

A message from President

Carter, containing the "new proposals", on the relationship troubled for the past three years because of an American arms embargo against Turkey, was brought here by three senior U.S. diplomats. They held talks with Premier Bulent Ecevit and his foreign minister

Wednesday. The delegation, led by Warren Christopher, Deputy Secretary of State, left for Bonn Wednesday night.

The announcement said the American delegation would relay Turkey's views on the proposals to Mr. Carter immediately.

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Moscow and Morocco: Allies in trade but foes in philosophy and foreign policy

By Judith Perera

When it comes to the church, political principles usually give way to economic needs, and one of the best examples of this is the growing trade between Morocco and the Soviet Union.

The recently initiated phosphate deal, which is believed to be the biggest ever Soviet investment in the developing world and the biggest foreign investment in Morocco since its independence in 1956, is badly needed by both sides.

Under the \$2,000 m. agreement Morocco is to export some 10 m. tons of phosphate rock a year to the USSR, although initially exports will constitute mainly phosphoric acid and triple super-phosphates (TSP). By the mid-1980s, the new phosphate mine at Mekela is expected to be in operation and exports of phosphate rock to the USSR should then total two million tons.

Soviet help

The negotiations are by no means complete, but the Soviet Union is expected to give financial and technical help to develop the new mine and to

Politically opposed

Yet, for all this, Morocco

build a 100 km. railway to the sea where the port at Essaouira will be developed to handle the phosphates.

Soviet-Moroccan trade is not a new phenomenon, however, for the USSR has for some time been Morocco's main supplier of oil, although it only ranks eighth in the overall list of suppliers.

The value of Morocco's imports from the USSR rose from \$67.2 m. in 1976 to \$71.9 m. in 1977 -- an increase of about seven per cent. Exports rose from \$53.8 m. to \$66.4 m., an increase of about 23 per cent. The imports comprised mainly oil, timber and agricultural machinery, and the exports mainly citrus fruit.

In February, a draft fishing agreement was signed by the two countries under which joint Soviet-Moroccan companies will fish hitherto unexploited deep sea grounds off the Moroccan coast. The USSR is expected to train Moroccans in the operation of fish-processing plants and in modern fishing techniques. The agreement also covers fish exports to the USSR.

Adversity makes strange bedfellows. So does prosperity. The Soviet Union and Morocco are a case in point; in spite of completely different philosophies and foreign policies, economic forces continue to draw them together.

and the Soviet Union still have diametrically opposed foreign policies. Last year Morocco sent troops to Zaïre to fight rebel communist forces in Shaba province. King Hassan was one of the very few Arab leaders to give his full backing to Egyptian President Sadat's visit to Jerusalem -- a move bitterly attacked by Moscow. And now, Morocco has given its verbal support to Somalia which is fighting Soviet-backed forces in Ethiopia.

Nevertheless, the economic ties are beneficial to both countries. At present, Morocco is the third biggest producer of phosphates and the biggest exporter.

But it was hard hit by the drastic fall in world phosphate prices from \$68 a ton in 1975 to \$32 a ton last year. As a

Foothold in Africa

For the USSR, the deal has political as well as economic advantages. Politically it is still trying to retain its foothold in Africa and the Middle East and the importa-

nce of the agreement from this point of view should not be ignored. Morocco is already Moscow's third biggest trading partner in Africa.

Economically, the Soviet Union needs the phosphates as its own phosphate deposits are in the north-west of the USSR, a vast distance from the agricultural region in the Ukraine where they are needed for fertilisers. Moreover, it is suffering from an acute manpower shortage which makes the exploitation of its own reserves more difficult than importing them from Morocco.

Some observers have suggested an additional use which the phosphates may have for the USSR -- the extraction of uranium. Morocco is at present negotiating with the U.S. firm Westinghouse about the possible construction of a uranium extraction plant. The Soviet Union no doubt already has the technology to do this if necessary. Certainly it is predicted that Soviet oil will run out fairly soon. The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) estimated last August that by 1985 the USSR will be importing oil worth about \$10,000 m. a year -- at present it exports

oil worth \$4,500 m. a year.

Nuclear power

Furthermore, the Soviet Union is going ahead fast with its nuclear power programme, unhampered by the difficulties facing the nuclear industry in the West. Its own uranium reserves are believed to be quite extensive, but they may not be sufficient for the future if nuclear energy is substituted for oil. This particular aspect, however, must remain in the realms of speculation.

But there is no doubt that Moroccan-Soviet economic links will increase in the next few years. There are already indications that this may be influencing both countries' policies to some extent. Morocco has been relatively silent over Soviet involvement in Ethiopia and has limited itself to verbal support for Somalia. The USSR, on the other hand, has been surprisingly reluctant to give its full support to the Saharan guerrillas, in spite of the efforts of Algerian President Houari Boumedienne to persuade it to do so.

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Swedish dads are being left holding the baby

By Victor Kayfetz

Barriers to be broken

STOCKHOLM, (R). -- The poster in the underground train shows three rugged-looking young men in their twenties in the open air, standing and chatting.

Each is holding a baby in a pram and the caption on the poster says "Daddy's on child-birth leave."

The poster is part of a campaign mounted by Swedish authorities to challenge traditional male and female roles in the labour market, in the home and in public life.

When a baby is born in Sweden the mother -- or father -- gets nine months' child-birth leave.

Social insurance officials have been trying to persuade fathers to take advantage of this provision by staying home and helping to care for the newborn child, collecting the 90 per cent of normal wages during part of the child-birth leave.

So far they have limited success but gradually they appear to be making some impact.

Traditional roles change

Special training programmes

Some employers have not been cooperative. Some, especially in the private sector, have hinted that men who take advantage of their legal right to child-birth leave will find it difficult to gain promotion.

Meanwhile Swedish women are moving rapidly into hitherto male-dominated fields -- in factories, as clerks and in politics. They are preparing to break down barriers of custom or law excluding them from military careers and leadership posts in trade unions for white-collar workers.

Today Swedish women make up more than 40 per cent of the country's labour force. Two-thirds of women in the so-called productive age groups work at least part-time. They have been encouraged by tax incentives and the slow but steady expansion of public child care facilities since the early 1970s.

run by the state labour market board, regional development grants requiring companies to hire women as well as men for industrial jobs, and programmes to encourage young men to go into female-dominated fields such as nursing and pre-school child care have begun to change traditional sex role patterns at workplaces.

But the barriers to change are psychological and involve men's roles as much as women's. Labour Minister and Deputy Minister Per Ahlmark recently summed it up when he said: "The 1970's may be the decade of Women's Liberation but the 1980's will be the decade of Men's Liberation."

He was referring to the right of family fathers to refuse frequent overtime work, extensive business travel and various self-imposed forms of loyalty to their employers as a means of climbing the career ladder, often at the expense of a harmonious family life and a close relationship with their children.

The 39-year-old Mr. Ahlmark, as Liberal Party Chair-

man, has frequently advocated the cause of equality between the sexes.

Shorter work hours

In January, he surprised Swedes by announcing that after 20 years as a full-time politician he was quitting public life, largely because he had become tired of sacrificing friends and family to 80-hour work weeks.

There has long been public support in Sweden for some kind of shortened work hours for both parents of pre-school children but disagreement among trade unions, employers and women's groups and the current recession have delayed a solution to the problem of lost income.

The government is pushing through parliament a law which avoids the compensation issue but from next year guarantees the right of parents of small children to reduce their working hours without losing their jobs. It will also allow them 18 months of unpaid leave and prohibit employers from demoting them to lower-paid work on their

return. This month the city of Stockholm was the first to implement a rule allowing employees in the municipal administration with children under school age to cut their normal work day from eight to six hours.

"We cannot pay any compensation for the hours missed but given the progressive tax system and the meagre housing allowances we have in Sweden, most middle-income parents will only end up with an insignificant cut in income", says city Alderman Lennart Rydberg, himself the father of a five-year-old son who attends a day care centre.

Parents insurance

Since 1974 Sweden has had a system of "parents' insurance" which replaced an earlier maternal benefits scheme. Every time a child is born the mother and father between them could take out six -- later seven -- months of paid leave at 90 per cent of normal earnings or a minimum of 25 kronor (about five

dollars) a day for those without gainful employment.

Last year the new non-socialist government, despite the recession, went ahead with plans to expand the paid leave to nine months effective in January 1978, of which one month would be at the new minimum rate of 32 kronor (more than six dollars) a day and the rest at 90 per cent of wages.

A new feature is that three of the nine months may be saved and spread out over the child's first eight years of life, either in the form of full days off or partial days off from work.

Recent figures from a government study commission on family welfare benefits indicate that in 1974 only two per cent of fathers used their right to child-birth leave but by 1977, the proportion had grown to more than 10 per cent. The average time off from work by fathers taking the leave was 40 days, and those who worked in the public sector were more likely than those in private employment to take advantage of the system.

Priests go on trial for death of girl during exorcism rite

ASCHAFFENBURG, West Germany, March 30 (R). --

Two West German Catholic priests who spent 11 months trying to exorcise a student teacher of devils go on trial here today accused of causing her death.

Father Arnold Renz, 67, a member of the Salvatorian Order, and parish priest Ernst Alt, 40, are charged with causing the death by negligence of Ameliese Michel by failing to summon medical aid for her as she wasted away.

Fraulein Michel, 23, weighed only 31 kilos (68 pounds) when she died on July 1, 1976 after almost a year of semi-starvation while undergoing the exorcism ritual.

Her parents, sawmill owner Josef Michel, 59, and his wife Anna, are also charged with responsibility for her death.

Fraulein Michel, who had earlier received treatment for epilepsy, was convinced devils had taken possession of her and agreed with her deeply-religious parents that the church should free her of the evil spirits.

The sessions of the 350-year-old "ritual romanum" were carried out in her bedroom in the family's home at Klingenberg, a small town near here.

The public prosecutor's evidence includes transcripts of her words, tape-recorded by the priests during the exorcism rites, during which she named Nero, Hitler, Judas and Satan as the devils who had possessed her.

The public prosecutor has said her life could have been saved if a doctor had been called to her as late as one week before she died.

Her body was exhumed last month at the request of her parents and an undertaker confirmed it was decomposing at the length of time it had been buried.

They apparently believed that if she had been possessed of the devil there would have been no decomposition.

The body was reburied the same day in a metal casket.

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THE BETTER HALF By Barnes



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TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Go ahead with original plans instead of making any changes for best results. Don't let a civic affair disturb you at this time.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make sure you do your work correctly now or you could get in trouble with a higher-up. Take no risks while in motion today.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Find a better way to handle monetary matters instead of worrying so much about them. Think constructively.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A co-worker is not being as cooperative as you wish but this is because you are too forceful. Tone down and be happier.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Don't take so many risks and you find your life will be more satisfying. Losing your temper will accomplish nothing now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't permit the ill humor of a close tie to cause an argument at home. Accept the right kind of criticism and benefit from it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You have to be very careful in motion today if you are to avoid trouble. Your creative ideas are good at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You must use care in handling money and property affairs today or you could end up being very disappointed.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) You have to use more tact now in order to put your ideas across to others. Go out of your way to avoid arguments with others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Listen to what one who admires you has to say, but use your own good judgment. Sidestep one who gossips.

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